[1st February 1961

A.—The figures for 1956–57 are not available. Those for 1957 are 48 and 313, respectively and those for the year 1960 are 116 and 965, respectively.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following Bills have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendments :—

(1) The Evacuee Interest (Separation) Madras Supplementary Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1961).

(2) The Madras State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1960).

I have also to announce to the House that the Madras Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1960) which was passed by the Assembly on the 10th September 1960 has also been passed by the Council with the following amendments and returned for the concurrence of the Assembly :—

Amendments.

1. In the preamble, for the words, 'Eleventh Year' substitute the words 'Twelfth Year'.

2. In clause 1, sub-clause (1), for the figures '1960', substitute the figures '1961'.

The Council has also passed the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1961) without any recommendation.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

Sri T. SAMPATH : Sir, on behalf of the Subordinate Legislation Committee I present the tenth report (Second Assembly) of that Committee for acceptance of the House.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CHIT FUNDS BILL, 1960 (L.A. BILL NO. 5 OF 1960).

Mr. SPEAKER : Yesterday we discussed clause 2. I think it was agreed that the Hon. Minister would reply today and then we would take a vote on clause 2 and go to other clauses.

Sri S LAZAR : Sir, I want to make one thing clear before the Hon. Minister replies. In sub-clause (9) of clause 5 it is stated that in the chit agreement, the instalment at which the foreman is to get the "prize" should be stated. But the word "prize" has not been defined in clause 2. I have given an amendment that this sub-clause (9) should be deleted. If the Government feel that the sub-clause (9) should be retained, it is absolutely necessary that clause 2 should be amended in such a way that it would define what is meant by "prize". Otherwise there would be difficulty.